

## **II. REMARKS**

Generally, it is believed that the amendment adds no previously added matter, and the amendment corrects typographical errors and complies with the Examiner's requirement at page 2 of the Final Rejection. Otherwise, no prosecution issue is raised by the amendment. The Amendment was authorized by the Examiner during a telephone interview.

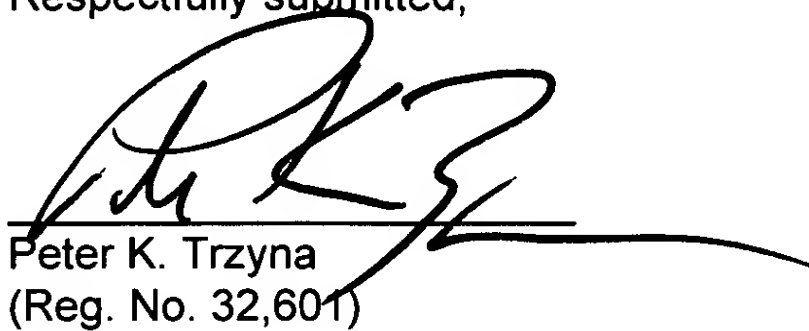
## II. CONCLUSION

The Amendment is intended to place the application in better condition for the Appeal, and the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it can in any way expedite the handling of this case.

**APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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